

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

University of Montana News Releases, 1928,
1956-present

University Relations

1-24-1961

Montana Grizzlies to play Montana State College Friday and Saturday; Grizzly Statistics--Twelve Games; Silvertip slants

University of Montana--Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases>

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

University of Montana--Missoula. Office of University Relations, "Montana Grizzlies to play Montana State College Friday and Saturday; Grizzly Statistics--Twelve Games; Silvertip slants" (1961). *University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present*. 871.
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases/871>

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.

FROM: JOHN BENNITT
SPORTS NEWS EDITOR
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
1/24/61

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MISSOULA--With a long and not too pleasant road trip behind them, Montana's Grizzlies take a break from Skyline Conference play to determine the mythical state championship against Montana State College in Bozeman, Friday and Saturday.

The Grizzlies weekend was filled with heartbreak and humble acceptance as they came within seconds of dumping Utah State at Logan, losing with less than half a minute on a missed lay-up and a foul. Montana now has a record of 8 wins and 4 losses; and a Skyline mark of 2 wins and 3 losses.

Utah's All-American Billy "The Hill" McGill humbled Montana as he tossed in 31 points to lead the Runnin' Redskins to an easy 72-56 victory over Travel weary Montana.

"The only way to stop a team with a man like McGill is to have another man as good on your team" Montana's mentor Frosty Cox commented.

The Grizzly Coach added that his charges would have to shoot far better than the 32 per cent from the field they averaged against Utah if they are going to win in the Bobcat lair.

"The pressure's on us," Cox said. "We play in their field house and they have improved a lot since last December."

Montana split with the Cats in Missoula in a pair of early season contests losing 71-66 and winning 63-54.

While Montana was losing two last weekend, the Bobcats split winning against Pacific Lutheran and losing to Seattle University. And they have little rest before the Grizzly tussel.

The Grizzlies will rest from the hardwood wars during the week, but the Cats must entertain North Dakota State in a contest at Bozeman, Wednesday night.

(more)

Cox will probably send his "Big Three", center Steve Lowry, forward Dan Sullivan, and guard Bob O'Billovich onto the Bobcat court as starters both Friday and Saturday. After that, it's anybody's guess.

Ray Lucien who has seen lots of action at the other guard slot is nursing a sore shoulder and sat on the bench more than usual last weekend. As a result, Cox started Butch Hendricks as a substitute.

At the other forward position Cox has been alternating with senior Paul Miller and sophomore Larry Riley. Neither has been effective in the scoring columns, but both have exhibited a good floor game and grabbed their share of rebounds.

Yet another possibility to start is guard Ron Quilling. A junior who saw limited action last year, Quilling hit four quick field goals in the Utah game but also chalked up four quick fouls.

###

MISSOULA--Montana's sophomore center Steve Lowry has taken over the Grizzly scoring lead after 12 games from Bob O'Billovich. The 6-7 Red Lodge lad has an average of 15 points and a total of 180 in Montana's 8 wins and 4 losses this season.

Lowry also leads in rebounds with a total of 176. Second in the grab-down department is Dan Sullivan with a total of 115. Between them, they have accounted for half the Grizzlies' total rebounds.

Lowry hit the nets for 33 points during Montana's road trip to Utah last weekend that saw the Grizzlies lose a heart-breaker in the final seconds to Utah State and then bow to Billy "The Hill" McGill and Associates at Utah.

O'Billovich, usually Montana's high-point man, couldn't find an opening to shoot as Aggie and Redskin guards bottled the back-court ace up in both contests. Until last weekend the Butte guard had been averaging 21 points per game in conference play. He managed to score only 19 in both losing games.

###

-3-
GRIZZLY STATISTICS -- Twelve Games

NAME	G.	FGA-FGM	Pct.	FTA-FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	TP	Avg.
LOWRY, c	12	120-55	45.8	118-70	60.9	176	14.6	44	180	15
O'BILLOVICH, g	12	189-66	34.9	55-44	80.0	16	1.3	38	176	14.6
SULLIVAN, f	12	154-54	35.7	32-23	71.9	115	9.6	25	131	11.9
LUCIEN, g	11	53-19	35.9	39-27	69.3	26	2.4	12	65	5.9
QUILLING, g	12	56-21	37.5	10-7	70	21	1.7	21	49	4.1
HENDRICKS, g	12	49-18	27.2	5-3	60	11	.9	13	39	3.3
ROBERTS, f	10	17-7	41.2	10-6	60	29	2.9	6	20	2
RILEY, f	9	23-5	21.8	11-5	43.6	28	3.1	11	15	1.7
MILLER, g	12	24-5	20.8	8-6	75.0	16	1.3	8	16	1.3
HELD, f	1	0-0	----	0-0	----	0	----	0	0	----
Team Rebounds-----						89				
MONTANA		782-288	36.5	304-207	68.1	594	49.5	192	786	65.5
OPPONENTS		749-265	35.4	257-163	63.4	554	46.2	231	703	58.6

###

SILVERTIP SLANTS....

A pair of Grizzlies who spent their high school careers opposing each other in one of Montana's hottest prep rivalries now spend their time on the court frustrating opponents. Bob O'Billovich dribbled for Butte Public High School while Dan Sullivan played for arch-rival, Butte Central.

If the Grizzlies could match their defensive ability with an offensive punch, they might sport an even better record than their creditable 8-4 mark. Prior to last weekend the 'Tips were ranked ninth among the nation's top defensive teams.

All brawn and no brains didn't hold true for gridders at MSU last fall. While compiling one of their best football seasons in many moons, 5 wins and 5 losses, the Grizzly Gridders also tallied one of the best academic records in their history.

While the University registrar has yet to release the fall quarter honor roll, transcripts indicate that several gridders made the all-academic team.

Paul Miller, a sophomore quarterback from Miles City, picked up five "A's" and a "B". Another back, Rich Birgenheier from Harlowton, had one of his poorer quarters, two "A's" two "B's" and a "C". The "C" was Birgenheier's second in three years of college. He is a forestry major. The Schwertfeger brothers, Carl, Dale and Gary, sent glad grade tidings back to Milwaukee, Wis. The three Grizzly linemen between them had a "B" plus average.

Athletic



MONTANA UNIVERSITY, Missoula

News Service